

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15, with the following amended paragraphs:

Figure 7 is an exploded view of the mirror assembly shown in Figure 2 illustrating the mirror base plate of Figure 6 and the attachment of the mirror assembly to the mirror base plate.

Figure 7A is a cross-sectional view of the mirror base plate taken along line 7-7 of Figure 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 6, 7, and 7A illustrates the mirror assembly of Figures 2-5 with an improved mirror base plate 80 which is adapted for mounting at the corner panel 206. The base plate 80 can comprising a series of depressions 82 projecting from the plate 80 on the vehicle side 84. Four pockets 86 formed by tabs 86 extending outwardly from the mirror side 88 of the plate 80 help locate the mirror and hold it while a fixing bolt (not shown) 90 passing through an aperture 94 in the base plate 80 into the mirror support base 17 secures the mirror to the vehicle. In addition, tabs 92 on the mirror support arm base 17 complementary in configuration and position to the pockets and tabs 86 permit the mirror tabs 92 to be hooked on the pockets 86 to hold it the mirror in place while further securement is provided. Alternatively, the "hooks" can be adapted to permanently secure the mirror support arm base 17 to the base plate 80, thereby providing means to attach the mirror to the vehicle without a fixing bolt.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 28, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 11 illustrates an improved skull cap 120 comprising a relatively thin molded wall 122, enabling it to bend. At the peripheral edges are tabs 124 peripherally extending or spaced about the cap 120 that can engage the peripheral edge of an opening in the mirror housing to hold the skull cap over the opening by spring fit.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring ~~now again~~ to Figure 15, an alternate embodiment of ~~a the~~ support base 14, identified with the reference character 222, is illustrated having a support base cover 228 for enclosing the support base 222 and providing a finished appearance to the mirror assembly 12. The support base 222 comprises a support arm 224 and a mounting panel 226 (also identified as mounting panel 132) generally as previously described herein. The support base cover 228 comprises a base sleeve 229 and a support base panel 230, which operably communicate to enclose the support base 222.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 26, with the following amended paragraph:

The mirror assembly 12 is assembled as follows. The trim frame 210 is installed to the ~~corner~~ corner panel 206 in operative communication with the mounting surface 170. The support base 130/222 is then mounted to the mounting surface 170 by inserting the hooks 148 into the sockets 172 as previously described, at the same time positioning the inclined seal 212 and the bottom seal 218 over the associated edges of the support base 130/222, as shown in Figures 16 and 17. The support base 130/222 is then secured to the mounting surface 170 with the threaded fastener 146. The base sleeve 229 is then attached to the support base 130 and closed with the mirror base panel 230 as previously described. If the base sleeve 229 is provided with integral seals, as shown in Figures 11-12, the mirror housing 22 is attached to the post 18 extending through the support base cover 228, and the trim frame 210 is not utilized. The base sleeve 229 is also secured to the mounting surface 170 and/or the support base 130/222 through well-known mounting means such as studs or snaps.